

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

February 2, 2006

**Representative Tom Casperson, Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Representative Casperson** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Absent:** None

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to approve the minutes of the **January 26, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Chair laid HB 5453, HB 5454, HB 5455, HB 5456, HB 5457, HB 5458, HB 5462 and HB 5628** before the committee.

HB 5453	Casperson	Natural resources; forests; timber harvests on state forestlands; restrict only if provided by state or federal law.
HB 5454	Elsenheimer	Natural resources; forests; commercial forests; modify penalties for withdrawing lands from commercial forest.
HB 5455	Huizenga	Natural resources; forests; commercial forest act; modify eligibility criteria.
HB 5456	Walker	Economic development; renaissance zones; forest products renaissance zones; create.
HB 5457	Emmons	Taxation; other; qualified forest property recapture tax; create.
HB 5458	Robertson	Education; other; qualified forest property; exempt from operating mills.
HB 5462	Farhat	Property tax; classification; tax incentive for managing private forestland through a development rights agreement; provide for.
HB 5628	Casperson	Natural resources; forests; forest development fund; provide for

expenditures.

**Representative Casperson** explained the proposed substitutes to the forestry bill package before the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards in **support** of the forestry bill package, but did not speak.

George Berghorn, representing the Michigan Forest Producer Council  
David Ladd, representing the Northern Michigan Schools Legislative Association  
Gordon Terry, representing the Michigan Forest Association  
Tom Barnes, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen  
Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **opposition** to the forestry bill package, but did not speak.

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association  
Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties  
Stacy Owen, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers

Erin McDonough, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card indicating support for HB 5454 and 5455 and opposition to HB 5453, HB 5457, HB 5458, HB 5462 and HB 5628. Ms. McDonough also submitted written material\*

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, submitted a testimony card indicating a neutral position on HB 5456.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card indicating opposition to HB 5458 and HB 5462 and a neutral position on HB 5457.

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools, submitted a testimony card indicating opposition to HB 5456 and support for the remaining bills in the forestry bill package.

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to adopt substitute **(H-1) for HB 5453**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Nitz** moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to report out **HB 5453** as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5453 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute (H-1) for **HB 5454**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 6-0-5**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Stakoe, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to report out **HB 5454** as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 6-0-5**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Stakoe, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5454 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to adopt substitute (H-1) for **HB 5455**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to report out **HB 5455** as substitute **(H-1)**, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 6-0-5**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Stakoe, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5455 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

**Representative Nitz** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute **(H-2)** for **HB 5456**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Stakoe** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to report out **HB 5456** as substitute **(H-2)**, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5456 reported out as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.**

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute **(H-1)** for **HB 5457**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to report out **HB**

**5457** as substitute **(H-1)**, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5457 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to report out **HB 5458** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5458 reported out with recommendation.**

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute **(H-1) for HB 5462**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to report out **HB 5462** as substitute **(H-1)**, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5462 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Stakoe**, to adopt substitute **(H-1)** for **HB 5628**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Stakoe**, to report out **HB 5628** as substitute **(H-1)**, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 7-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**HB 5628 reported out as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:25 a.m.**

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Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
February 2, 2006  
55 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.